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By ECF

The Honorable William F. Kuntz, II United States District Judge Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Robert Cruz

Criminal Docket No. 20-206 (WFK)

Dear Judge Kuntz:

The government respectfully submits this letter to request a status conference in the above-referenced case for December 2, 2022 at the Court's convenience. The government and defense counsel jointly request an order of excludable delay until the next status conference to allow for the review of discovery and to engage in plea negotiations. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) (excluding from the 70-day period between the return of an indictment and the commencement of trial any time that the Court finds that "the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial").

Respectfully submitted,

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